

April 3, 2024 PTSA Meeting (6:30PM) and 8th Grade Planning 6PM Gilbert H. Hood Middle School

Welcome/Attendance: Thank you to everyone who attended this evening. It is greatly appreciated!

Kristen Ganley, Candi Westgard, Beth Kolinski, Jolene McWhirter, Cassandra Duncan, Kimberly Young

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the March Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Candi to approve and second Beth; all voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- Candi reviewed the financials from March.
 - Beginning Balance 18,407.09
 - Ending Balance of 21,637.32

Principal's Report:

- **The Husky Hullabaloo Fundraiser has gone well. We raised \$8,352, which is currently located in the PTSA account. The money is earmarked for Student Activities and will be transferred there. This will be used for field days and to offset the cost of buses for field trips or food, whichever a team decides.**
- **Faculty Follies is this Friday. We are excited to start this tradition again. It is dinner and a show. Starting at 6:00, the cost is \$8.00, and a family of 4 is \$30.00. It is sure to be a fun night.**
- **The first email went out for the golf tournament. Jayne DiPirro and Allyson Stroble are helping me with the tournament. So far, we have one executive sponsor, which brings four golfers from Scott Electronics Inc., one hole sponsorship from Ahern, Nichols, Hersey, & Butterfield Family Dentistry, AND A team of 4 golfers.**

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- School Vacation April 22 - April 26
- The school board voted to move forward with the restructuring. GHMS will be a 7/8 school next year. We will be working on interviewing team leaders and building teams around the leaders. Then, we will be able to assign rooms for the teachers.
- Lamination Contract-see scan-PTSA has a line item to pay for this and Candi can provide a check.
- Husky Habitat Bench... We are partnering with NEXT to create a community gardening space for each Derry School. The plans are just beginning. Again, we have PTSA funds set aside for the Husky Habitat to pay for this.

New Business:

- We began discussing ideas for Teacher Appreciation Week. Some ideas are:
 - Food truck
 - Snack Cart
 - Raffles
 - Chair Massages (Candi will reach out to Stacy to see if this is something she could do.)
 - We will need a meeting before then for further planning. Kristen will set that up.

Old Business:

- 8th Grade Celebration Planning continues. See notes below.
- Kristen will be looking for a method to do an online silent auction for May the 4th.
- The combined PTSA WRB and GHMS Hood Talent Show will be May 11th at Pinkerton Academy.

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Adjourn: Candi motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM, Beth seconded. All voted in favor.

Upcoming Events:

- 5/3-Lunch Hero Day
- 5/6-10th-Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/11-Talent Show at Pinkerton Academy
- 5/8-School Nurse Day
- 6/5-PTSA Meeting at 6PM
- 6/5-8th Grade Trip to Canobie Lake Park
- 6/10-8th Grade Dance
- 6/12-8th Grade Breakfast and Promotion Ceremony

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Ganley, Secretary Pro-tem

8th Grade events:

- There are 163 8th Graders + Staff
- Events occur during the last week of school.
 - **6/5 Canobie**
 - **6/10 Dance**
 - **6/12 AM Breakfast**
 - **6/12 PM Promotion Ceremony at Pinkerton**
- Canobie Lake Field Trip-There is great concern this year over the cost for students to go. I would like to help defray the cost as much as possible. It is planned for 6/5 or 6/6 Rain Date. This can't change. There will be 4 buses.
- 8th Grade Dance-We will definitely do a balloon arch and balloon decorations.
 - The students just really want the Photo Booth and snacks (but we will not do soda or juice, water only). The kids love the frosted cookies and cupcakes.
 - We should schedule with the DJ and Photobooth company ASAP. They are Get Down Entertainment in Salem. Kristen will call them.
- 8th Grade Breakfast in the Cafeteria includes student speakers, slideshow, team photos, academic awards, and breakfast.
- Promotion Ceremony at Pinkerton the same night.

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8th Grade others:

- T-Shirts-We only want to do them if they are at no cost to the students and simple.
 - Candi can look into a quote for white t-shirts, single color.
 - Kimberly and Beth will also get quotes.
- Yard signs for families to purchase; this is desired again this year.
 - Beth has the quote for these.
- Do a Card My Yard on the school lawn
- We are in contact with Geskus about ordering pictures for the Promotion Ceremony.

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